

Weekly Status & Information Report: January 25 - 27, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of January 30, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Council Compensation Committee meeting, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m. in the Rose Room
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, January 31, 7 p.m. in the Lilac Room
- Ethics Commission meeting, Thursday, February 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room (On February 2, the Commission will also be addressing matters within its administrative function and, therefore, a large portion of the meeting will not be open to the public or subject to the Open Meetings Act.)

All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

2. Small Community Grant Program Application Deadline Approaches: The FY 2012 Small Community Grant Program information is available online at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/clerk/sc-grants/index.html>. Projects must be completed by June 30. The application deadline is February 8. *(City Clerk)*

3. Senior Banned Books Club: On Monday, January 30, at 7:30 p.m., the Senior Banned Books Club will discuss Joseph Heller's "Catch 22." Joining them will be some members of the Friends Reading Group - a book club for grown-ups - which coincidentally chose "Catch 22" for their discussion earlier in January. *(Library)*

4. Exhibits Opening in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center: Two new exhibits; "Lucid Dreams" featuring the world-like dreams of surrealist painter Jawara Blake and "Works on Paper" the collages and drawings of Katie Dell Kaufman will be celebrated this coming Friday, February 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Reception is free and open to the public. *(Housing and Community Development)*

5. February 15 - Save the Date! Share your thoughts on streetscape details for the New Ave, including landscape materials, street furniture, site lighting and planting options. Your input will be needed to help designers who are developing Streetscape Standards for the New Ave. The next public meeting is at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. *(Housing and Community Development)*

6. Keep Current on New Ave Streetscape Projects! Two Streetscape design projects are underway on the New Hampshire Avenue corridor: the New Ave Streetscape Standards and the Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape project. The Standards project will outline streetscape details along the corridor, while the Ethan Allen Gateway project addresses where and how they will be installed in the gateway area. Share your input on these projects and keep track of their progress, outcomes from recent meetings, and future workshops at: <http://thenewave.com/development/projects>. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Montgomery Planning Board Approves Takoma Langley Crossroads Design Guidelines: Urban Design Guidelines for the Takoma Langley Crossroads Sector Plan were presented to the Montgomery County Planning Board on Thursday, January 26. After some discussion highlighting the productive collaboration between Montgomery County and the City of Takoma Park, the Planning Board granted Preliminary Approval of the Guidelines and transmittal to Montgomery County Council where they will be reviewed this spring. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. Help with Forming a Tenant Association: Do you know that Takoma Park has the help of two community organizers who can assist you in forming a tenant association in your building? Tenant associations serve many purposes, one of which is that they have standing to file complaints before the Commission on Landlord-Tenant Affairs. If you have issues in your building that need to be resolved or you just want to form a tenant group so that there is better communication with your landlord or with other tenants living in your building, call 301-891-7222. We will put you in touch with the organizers to help with your effort. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. Foreclosure Assistance Available Through Housing Non-Profits: Foreclosures are still an issue, not only in Montgomery County, but in the entire country. Montgomery County, however has taken dramatic steps to partner with a number of local non-profit organizations that can assist you in navigating the current foreclosure prevention programs. Even if you were not eligible a year ago, check it out again, as the programs are constantly being changed. All counseling is free of charge. Never pay a service charge for a modification to your loan. The county approved organizations are: Housing Initiative Partnership, 301-916-5946, www.hiphomes.org; Latino Economic Development Corporation, 1-866-977-5332, www.ledcmetro.org; and Asian-American Homeownership Counseling, 301-760-7636, www.aa-hc.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Balloons Over Broadway: Karen MacPherson attended the American Library Association's mid-winter convention in Dallas, where she served on the Sabered Sibert Committee - charged with choosing the year's best non-fiction book for children for 2012. This year's winner of the Robert F. Sabered Sibert Medal was "Balloons Over Broadway: the True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade," by Melissa Sweet. In colorful pictures, it tells the real world origins of the mammoth balloons that are a signature of the Thanksgiving Day Macy's Parade in New York City. *(Library)*

11. Pilates Class Continues: On Wednesday, the Takoma Park Recreation Center had another session of Pilates. This challenging one-hour workout session continues to grow. This class is a combination of precision body toning, stretching and core strengthening focusing on exercising the whole body to reach your goal of a leaner, stronger body. Register now and enjoy the workout. Get fit for summer. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

12. **Double Dutch Continues:** Takoma Park Recreation Center offers Double Dutch on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. for youth ages 6-14. Come and learn the art of Double Dutch through a fun and aerobic endurance workout that includes single rope jumping, double rope turning, stretching and toning. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289. *(Recreation)*

13. **Adult Volleyball - Participation is Growing Each Week!:** Last Monday, courts were packed with 16 eager and excited adults ready for action. This on-going program is open to both men and women; all skill levels are welcome. Event takes place at the Takoma Park Recreation Center (7315 New Hampshire Avenue) on Mondays from 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Program is free with a Recreation Center I.D. or \$5 without. For additional information, please contact Lew McAllister at LewM@takomagov.org or (301) 891-7284. *(Recreation)*

14. **Youth Mentoring Sessions:** The Recreation Department and the administration from Takoma Park Middle School has partnered up to find ways to meet the needs of youth in the community. This past week, Lew McAllister held multiple group mentoring sessions with nearly 40 students during lunch periods at TPMS. The objective is to provide students with a positive outlet to discuss any issues that may be causing them to lose focus at home, school and during daily life activities. This program will provide youth an opportunity to learn how to better cope with some of their day-to-day challenges. Discussion topics include: "being cool," "role models" and "friends." Sessions are held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. *(Recreation)*

15. **Blood Pressure Screening for Seniors:** Ten seniors took advantage of the free monthly blood pressure screening on Thursday, January 26, in the Senior Room at the Takoma Park Community Center. Adventist Healthcare, in partnership with the Recreation Department, provides these free screenings for Takoma Park seniors. The next blood pressure screening will be held on Thursday, February 23. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

16. **Officers in Meetings:**

- On January 23, Chief Ricucci and Lt. Collington attended a community meeting in the District of Columbia's 4th Ward, which was hosted by Councilmember Muriel Bowser. In attendance were Chief Lanier and her entire executive staff, Commander Missouri of the MPD 4th District and her command staff, Prince George's County Police, Montgomery County Police, the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety for the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Fire Chief, the Director of District of Columbia's 9-1-1 Center, and Councilmember Will Campos of Prince George's County. This meeting was concerning crime that's been occurring in N.W. D.C. in the 4th Police District, which borders Takoma Park and Montgomery County. Chief Ricucci spoke to the citizens about jurisdictional cooperation.
- On January 24, Chief Ricucci and Crime Analyst Gucciardo held a public community CompStat meeting. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. Mayor Williams, City Manager Matthews, Councilmembers Seamens and Daniels-Cohen were in attendance. The meeting was well-received by the community who were in attendance.
- On January 25, Chief Ricucci and Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye attended the South of Sligo Citizen's Association (SOSCA) community meeting where they both spoke to citizens.
- On January 26, Chief Ricucci, City Manager Matthews, Lt. Collington, Crime Analyst Gucciardo, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye, Det. Wolff and Det. Hoetzel attended a community meeting in Ward 6 hosted by Councilmember Fred Schultz. Prince George's County Police and Prince George's County Councilmember Will Campos were in attendance. There was an interactive discussion between residents and police officials that lasted approximately 90 minutes. The meeting was well-attended with over 64 people in attendance. *(Police)*

17. **Officers in Training:** On January 27, Cpl. Malarkey, Cpl. Black and Pfc. Demuth attended training entitled "Bulletproof Mind" at the U.S. Park Police Anacostia Operating Facility in S.E. Washington, D.C. *(Police)*

18. **Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):**

- On January 25, Officer Magnaye attended on-line training called "New Perspective on Community Policing (provided by the U.S. Department of Justice – Modules 1-2 of 5) and attended the South of Sligo Citizen's Association (SOSCA) community meeting.
- On January 26, Officer Magnaye spoke to Hampshire Towers management in reference to enhancing security features (lighting, entrance, surveillance system) in their building, to renew Agents of the Property contract and to advise them that there will be "no trespassing" signs posted on their property for them within the next week. She also visited Kidz City after-school program at New Hampshire Avenue Recreation Center and attended a Ward 6 community forum meeting. *(Police)*

19. **Crime Report:** The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 20-26, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/01/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_27.html. *(Police)*

20. **Traffic Enforcement:** Officers conducted at least 132 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds, two Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrests and one warrant service arrest from traffic.

During January 23-27, 2012, the following details were completed:

January 23, 2012

- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 60-minute detail and issued eight State citations.
- Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

- Manor Circle & Ethan Allen Avenue (no left turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

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- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and four warnings.
- Wildwood Drive & Anna Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four warnings.

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- Erskine Street at 13th Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations and one warning.
- Merrimac Drive at Carroll Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- Flower Avenue at Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Maple Avenue & Ritchie Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued 16 State citations for miscellaneous traffic violations (two for the stop sign).
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- 1000 block of East West Highway (speeding) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued three State citations for speed, 23 other State citations and one warning.

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- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued five State citations.

January 27, 2012

- Flower Avenue at Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued eight State citations.
- (Police)

21. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

Week of January 20-26, 2012

State Citations issued: 66

City: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 2

Calls for Service: 5

Reports: 4

Warnings: 2

Field Investigative Reports (FIRs): 1

Court: 10 hours

(Police)